

Service Date: May 10, 2000

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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IN THE MATTER of the Application of )	
Marathon Pipeline Co. to Change Its Name )	UTILITY DIVISION
To Marathon Ashland Pipeline, LLC and )	DOCKET NO. D2000.4.50
To Increase Rates and Charges to the )	ORDER NO. 6247
Current Federal Regulatory Energy )	
Commission Rates for Gathering in Elk )	
Basin Field, Park County, Montana. )	

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DEFAULT ORDER

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On April 5, 2000, the Montana Public Service Commission (PSC) received an application from Marathon Pipeline Company, (Marathon) for authority to change its name from Marathon Pipeline Company to Marathon Ashland Pipeline, LLC and to increase rates and charges for gathering service in Elk Basin Field, Park County, Montana, to the current Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) rate. Marathon Ashland Pipeline is a crude oil gathering pipeline. Marathon Ashland Pipeline, LLC., has filed a new tariff (Montana PSC No. 1).

2. On April 11, 2000, the PSC issued and published a Notice of Application and Intervention Deadline, requiring intervention by May 1, 2000 in order to conduct a public hearing. The PSC received no petitions for intervention.

3. The PSC has reviewed the Application and finds the proposed increase acceptable.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Montana Public Service Commission has jurisdiction over the rates and charges of common carrier pipelines pursuant to Title 69, Chapter 13, Montana Code Annotated (MCA).

2. Marathon Ashland Pipeline, LLC., is a common carrier pipeline carrying crude petroleum products and therefore is subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The PSC approves the name change and the rates and charges for Marathon Ashland Pipeline, LLC.

2. This Order shall be effective for service rendered on and after May 15, 2000.

DONE IN OPEN SESSION at Helena, Montana on this 9th day of May, 2000 by a 5-0 vote.

BY THE ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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DAVE FISHER, Chairman

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NANCY McCaffree, Vice Chair

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BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

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GARY FELAND, Commissioner

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BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson  
Commission Secretary

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NOTE: Any interested party may request that the Commission reconsider this decision. A motion to reconsider must be filed within ten (10) days. See 38.2.4806, ARM.